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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION  
Office of the Chairman

7 August 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Photographic  
Interpretation Center  
DIA Member, COMIREX

SUBJECT : Mission Exploitation Guidance: Middle  
East Airborne Reconnaissance

1. At its 9 July 1970 meeting COMIREX approved the attached mission exploitation guidance for the Middle East\*. This supersedes all previously stated COMIREX mission readout requirements for airborne reconnaissance over the areas/targets involved.

a. Tab A provides general guidance relative to precedence and distribution requirements for electrically transmitted reports.

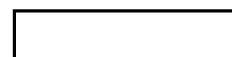
b. Tab B provides a guidance checklist for warning and indications information.

c. Tab C provides readout guidance relative to targets and their EEI's.

2. Copies of the current listing of NIETB active Middle East targets, as reviewed 24 July 1970 by EXSUBCOM, have already been made available to your office.



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3. It is requested that DIA transmit this guidance and pertinent NIETB Middle East target data as appropriate through Department of Defense channels to the 7499th USAF Support Group's precision processing facility [ ] to support contingency planning for first-phase exploitation of potential airborne reconnaissance over the subject area.

4. It is requested that the NPIC accomplish the following:

a. Implement this guidance as appropriate for mission exploitation of potential airborne reconnaissance over the subject area.

b. Provide administrative and computer support to EXSUBCOM in maintaining the National Imagery Exploitation Target Base (NIETB) and in providing updates upon request to [ ] through DIA.

5. The EXSUBCOM is directed to review and maintain this mission exploitation so as to insure responsiveness to the current intelligence situation. COMIREX will review this guidance periodically or upon request of any COMIREX member.

[ ]  
Chairman

Attachments

Tabs A, B, and C

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1. Report via "PRIORITY" precedence any evidence of major defensive reactions to an airborne reconnaissance vehicle.

2. Warning and indications information similar to that listed in tab B should be given adequate communications precedence and rapid readout to permit timely transmission to responsible action officials. The electrical transmission of this indications information should be given distribution to the following addressees:

DIRNSA

OPCEN

NPIC

SSO DIA WASH D. C.

AFSSO USAF

AFSSO FTD

SSO ACSI (DA) (FOR ACSI AND SPAD)

SSO TOPOCOM

SSO REDSTONE

SSO FSTC

SSO FT BRAGG (FOR CONTIC AND XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS)

SSO SAC (FOR SAC AND 544 ARTW)

NAVRECONTECHSUPCEN

SSO 15 AF

SSO 9 SRW

100 SRW Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (no SS0 address)

SSO USEUCOM

CINCUSNAVEUR

SSO HEIDELBERG

AFSSO USAFE (FOR IDOM AND EEIC)

AFSSO IRC (FOR IRCE)

FICEUR

SSO STRIKE

AFSSO TAC (FOR 480 RTG)

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3. The electrical transmission of routine first-phase reports (IPIRs) and second-phase reports (SUPIRs) should be via "PRIORITY" precedence and should include the same addressees as paragraph 2 above.

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Tab B

Warning and Indications Information

1. General: Any evidence of introduction of major new weapons systems, either native or third-party.

2. Missiles:

a. Abnormal\* activity at known or suspected missile launch, storage, or support sites.

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4. Aviation: Abnormal\* deployment of aircraft or activity at airfields.

5. Naval: Abnormal\* deployment of naval combatants or activity at naval bases.

6. Ground Forces: Preparations for movement or concentrations of ground forces in the vicinity of likely lines of advance across the Arab-Israeli borders.

7. Air Defense: Abnormal\* activity at known or suspected SAM launch, storage, or support sites and AAA sites.

\* Connotes a radical change from what has normally been observed on previous coverage of the subject targets.

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Tab C

Readout Guidance

1. All new targets (those not previously known to exist by the reporting organization) which appear to be militarily significant should be reported in either the IPIR or the SUPIR and in response to the appropriate checklist of EEIs set forth in this Tab.

2. First- and second-phase priorities for target readout are identified in the NIETB\* as follows:

- a. "A" first-phase priority.
- b. "B" second-phase priority.

3. The specific checklist of EEIs for each target is also identified in the NIETB. It should be noted that there is no requirement for negative reporting on these EEIs except for order of battle reporting. The substantive readout in response to these EEIs should be reported in the cable after the trinome indicated with the EEIs.

\* The National Imagery Exploitation Target Base (NIETB) is a list of installations, objects, activities, and defined areas of intelligence interest which have been designated by COMIREX as requiring imagery exploitation by resources tasked under the National Tasking Plan. The NIETB is maintained by the NPIC in support of COMIREX/EXSUBCOM.

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Mission Readout Guidance (EEIs)

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Deployed Elec/Commo/Radar Facility,  
Not Operationally Associated with  
Another Facility

- STA: Determine occupancy of radar site.
- DES: Briefly describe the layout and number of revetted radar positions. Identify the type of radar site. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Determine number of occupied radar positions, and briefly describe any construction activity. Report any evidence of third-party military assistance.
- ELC: Identify number and type of radars.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, particularly dummy radars, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Deployed SAM Facility, Launch  
Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of launch site.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description of site configuration, number of launch positions, on site missile handling facilities, and the central guidance position. Describe type and occupancy status of AAA sites associated with SAM site. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Determine number of occupied launch positions and occupancy status of the central guidance position. If under construction, determine stage of construction. Report any evidence of substantially new third-party military assistance.
- MIS: Identify number and type of missiles, launches, radars, and GSE.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Deployed SAM Facility, Logistics/  
Support Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of support facility.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description to include number and type of support structures. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe major new construction activity and any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- MIS: Identify number and type of missiles, transporters, radars, and GSE.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Deployed SAM Facility, Miscellaneous

- STA: Determine the presence or absence of SAM facilities within search area.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide a description of search area boundaries. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe the extent of search area reviewed for presence or absence of SAM facilities. If new target discovered, provide name, interim B.E. number, and geographic coordinates.

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Mission Readout Guidance (EEIs)

Air Base Facility, Electronics/  
Command and Control Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy of radar site.
- DES: Briefly describe the layout and number of revetted radar positions. Identify the type of radar site. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Determine number of occupied radar positions, and briefly describe any construction activity. Report any evidence of third-party military assistance.
- ELC: Identify number and type of radars.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, particularly dummy radars, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Air Base Facility, Airfield

- STA: Determine runway operational status.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, determine approximate runway dimensions--orientation--surface-type, and presence of any special weapons handling facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe new construction activity, stage of construction and runway serviceability. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- AOB: Identify number and type of aircraft and special weapons.
- ELC: Identify number and type radars.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal, particularly the presence of hangarages and dummy aircraft.

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Naval Base Facility, Naval Base

- STA: Determine occupancy status of naval base.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description of berthing, repair, and special weapons facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe ship repair activity, new construction activity, and construction stage. Briefly describe extent and type of cargo-handling activities and report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Mission Readout Guidance (EEIs)

Naval Base Facility, Associated  
Shipyard

- STA: Determine occupancy status of naval base/shipyard.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description of berthing, repair, and special weapons facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe ship repair activity, new construction activity, and construction stage. Briefly describe extent and type of cargo handling activities and report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- NOB: Identify number and type of naval vessels and special weapons.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Naval Base Facility, Maritime  
Port Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of naval base/port facility.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description of berthing, repair, and special weapons facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe ship repair activity, new construction activity, and construction stage. Briefly describe extent and type of cargo-handling activity and report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- NOB: Identify number and type of naval vessels and special weapons.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Naval Base Facility, Naval Weapon System Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of support facility.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description to include number and type of support structures. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe major new construction activity and any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- MIS: Identify number and type of missiles, transporters, radars, and GSE.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Mission Readout Guidance (EEIs)

Ground Force Facilities, Troop  
Installation, General

- STA: Determine occupancy status of troop installation.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe number of barracks, vehicle storage buildings, and number of other buildings. Identify type and echelon of troop installation. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe type and stage of significant changes/construction activity. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- GFW: Identify number and type of vehicles/equipment observed.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Ground Force Facility, Logistics/  
Support Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of troop installation.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe number of barracks, vehicle storage buildings, and number of other buildings. Identify type and echelon of troop installation. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe type and stage of significant changes/construction activity. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- GFW: Identify number and type of vehicles/equipment observed.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Ground Force Facility, Miscellaneous

- STA: Determine occupancy status of military areas.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe the size and composition of the military area. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Briefly describe significant military activity.
- GOB: Identify number and type of vehicles/equipment observed.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage or deception.

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Deployed Tactical SSM Facility,  
Launch Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of launch site.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe site layout, number of launch positions, on-site missile handling facilities, and disposition of electronic equipment. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Determine number of occupied launch positions and occupancy of electronics site. If under construction, determine stage of construction. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observations.

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Deployed Tactical SSM, Logistics/  
Support Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of support facility.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description to include number and type of support structures. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- MIS: Identify number and type of missiles, transporters, radars, and GSE.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Strategic Weapon Industrial Facility, Associated Airfield

- STA: Determine runway operational status.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, determine approximate runway dimensions--orientation--surface-type, and presence of any special weapons handling facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe new construction activity, stage of construction and runway serviceability. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- AOB: Identify number and type of aircraft and special weapons.
- ELC: Identify number and type radars.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal, particularly the presence of hangarages and dummy aircraft.

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Strategic Weapons, Aerospace Associated

- STA: Determine operational status of industry.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major component buildings and, if present, the associated fly-away airfield. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- AOB: Identify number and type of aircraft, missiles, etc.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, particularly the presence of dummy aircraft, or attempts to conceal from overhead observstion.

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General Purpose Weapons,  
Aerospace Associated

- STA: Determine operational status of industry.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major component buildings and, if present, the associated fly-away airfield. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- AOB: Identify number and type of aircraft, missiles, etc.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, particularly the presence of dummy aircraft, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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General Purpose Weapon Industrial Facility,  
Naval Weapon System Associated

- STA: Determine occupancy status of naval base/shipyard.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, provide brief description of berthing, repair, and special weapons facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe ship repair activity, new construction activity, and construction stage. Briefly describe extent and type of cargo handling activities and report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- NOB: Identify number and type of naval vessels and special weapons.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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General Purpose Weapon Industrial Facility  
Ground Weapon System Associated

- STA: Determine operational status of armament/equipment plant.
- DES: When new target description appropriate provide brief description of major plant facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe new construction activity and stage of construction. Describe any evidence of new ground weapons production, and any major new third-party military assistance.
- GFW: Identify number and type of vehicles/equipment observed.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/description, particularly the presence of dummy weapons, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Non-Military Logistics, Urban Area

- STA: Enter the status code "UKN".
- DES: When a new target description appropriate, provide a description of the urban area boundaries. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe the extent of urban area reviewed, and report any evidence of large-scale military activity or movement.

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Non-Military Industrial Facility, Miscellaneous

- STA: Determine operational status of plant.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe major plant facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe new construction activity and stage of construction.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.

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Atomic Energy Facility, Associated Airfield

- STA: Determine runway operational status.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, determine approximate runway dimensions--orientation--surface-type, and presence of any special weapons handling facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe new construction activity, stage of construction and runway serviceability. Report any evidence of major new third-party military assistance.
- AOB: Identify number and type of aircraft and special weapons.
- ELC: Identify number and type radars.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of shipping crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage, deception, or attempts to conceal, particularly the presence of hangarages and dummy aircraft.

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Atomic Energy Facility, Miscellaneous

- STA: Determine operational status of target.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major component buildings. Also include response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of nuclear weapons-related activity, as well as any evidence of third-party nuclear assistance.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of nuclear-related equipment, cannisters, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe any evidence of attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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MSL RNG: Tactical SSM Facility,  
Launch Associated

- STA: Determine construction status of target.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major components. Also include response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly new major construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of MR/IREM-related activity, as well as any evidence of major new third-party missile-related assistance.
- MIS: Identify number and type of missiles, launchers, radars, and GSE.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of cannisters, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe evidence of camouflage/deception, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation. Particularly note evidence of dummy missiles or missile-related equipment.

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CBR Facility, Industry Associated

- STA: Determine operational status of target.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major component buildings. Also include response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of CBR weapons-related activity, as well as any evidence of third-party CBR assistance.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of CBR-related equipment, cannisters, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe any evidence of attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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CBR Facility, Logistics/Storage Associated

- STA: Determine operational status of target.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major component buildings. Also include response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of CBR weapons-related activity, as well as any evidence of third-party CBR assistance.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of CBR-related equipment, cannisters, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe any evidence of attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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CBR Facility, Test Associated

- STA: Determine operational status of target.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe and identify major component buildings. Also include response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe briefly major new construction activity and stage of construction. Report any evidence of CBR weapons-related activity, as well as any evidence of third-party CBR assistance.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of CBR-related equipment, cannisters, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe any evidence of attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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Miscellaneous Facility, Unidentified Function

- STA: Determine construction status of facility.
- DES: When new target description appropriate, briefly describe major facilities. Also include appropriate response to RMK requirement.
- RMK: Describe new construction activity and stage of construction. Describe any evidence of functional association of target.
- OBJ: Identify number and type of equipments, crates, etc.
- DFC: Briefly describe any evidence of camouflage/description, or attempts to conceal from overhead observation.

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